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Del Rio Sector marijuana seizures top \$4.2 million for December

DEL RIO, Texas – Border Patrol Agents from the Eagle Pass Station seized more than \$300,000 worth of marijuana Friday, following pursuit of a car near Normandy.

Agents attempted to stop a heavily-laden sedan on Highway 277 at 4:30 a.m. Friday. As agents pursued the vehicle, it pulled off the road and the driver jumped out, escaping into nearby heavy brush. Inside the car, agents discovered a total of 436.6 pounds of marijuana, valued at \$349,280.

Marijuana seizures by agents in the Del Rio Sector thus far for the month of December total 5,353.27 pounds with a value of \$4,282,612.80.

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